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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS
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1. KUWAIT: AMIR MORTAL ENEMY OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DECLARING KUWAIT AT A "DEAD END IN THE NAME OF THE CON-
STITUTION," THE AMIR ANNOUNCED AUGUST 29 HIS DECISION TO:

--ASK PRIME MINISTER SABAH TO FORM A NEW CABINET;

--DISSOLVE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND RULE BY DECREE;
AND

--SUSPEND FOUR ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND
AMEND THE PRESS LAW.

THE AMIR JUSTIFIED HIS ACTIONS BY CHARGING THAT, DESPITE
GREAT PATIENCE ON HIS PART, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAD
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ABUSED THE CONSTITUTION AND SHAKEN THE STABILITY OF THE

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NATION. (UNCLASSIFIED) KUWAIT 4127, 8/30.)

2. JAMAICA: HARD TIMES AHEAD

EMBASSY KINGSTON PAINTS A GRIM PICTURE OF THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY, AGAINST WHICH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY WILL HAVE TO SEEK REELECTION WITHIN SIX MONTHS. THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IS MARKED BY:

--DECLINING REVENUE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO REDUCED PUBLIC SPENDING;

--AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT MAY BE AS HIGH AS 40 PERCENT; AND

--INDUSTRIAL UNREST CONTRIBUTING TO REDUCED BAUXITE AND ALUMINUM PRODUCTION AND, THEREBY, TO REDUCED FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE COSTS OF MANLEY'S FAILURE TO PLAN HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, AND THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR AN ECONOMIC UPTURN BEFORE THE END OF 1977. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) KINGSTON 3578, 8/27.)

3. CHILE: GOVERNMENT TO ABOLISH ALL PARTIES?

EMBASSY SANTIAGO REPORTS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE PREDICTING THAT THE ABOLITION OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 11, THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY COUP. THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO GO THAT FAR BUT NOTES PRESIDENT PINOCHET IS NOT ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 8406, 8/27.)

4. SENEGAL: LEFT IS RIGHT

AFTER BEING BANNED FOR 16 YEARS, THE "MARXIST-LENINIST" AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PAI) HAS BEEN GRANTED LEGAL RECOGNITION BY THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT. THOUGH IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE PAI WILL BE ABLE TO ATTRACT EVEN LIM-

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ITED SUPPORT AFTER ITS LONG EXILE, EMBASSY DAKAR NOTES THAT RECOGNITION ROUNDS OUT THE THREE-PARTY SYSTEM ENVISAGED BY THE CONSTITUTION. ON THE PREMISE THAT NO SELF-RESPECTING SENEGALESE WOULD ADMIT TO BEING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, ALL THREE PARTIES ARE OF THE "PROGRESSIVE" LEFT. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAKAR 5512, 8/28.)
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